(e) and (f) The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended with effect from 9-6-1993 to allow private sector participation in coal mining operations for captive consumption for power generation, iron and steel, washery operations and other end uses that may be notified by the Government. Proposals received in the light of this amendment are subjected to screening by a Committee set up for the purpose. Since such cases are only in initial stages and data available is not adequate, details of likely date of additional production cannot be ascertained now.

**Delay in Passing Judgement by Central Industrial Tribunal**

1796. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of the termination of services of about 70 workmen of Mess Committee of Uttar Railway Zonal Training School Chandausi, Moradabad (U.P.) was referred to the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, New Delhi in 1986 and the Tribunal has closed the proceedings on the 29th May, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Award/Judgement has not yet been declared; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in declaring the judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The award has since been received by the Government on 5-8-93 and sent for publication.

(c) Due to heavy workload with Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, New Delhi the Award could not be declared earlier.

**Guidelines for Opening and Closing of Shops in Delhi**

1797. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has recently issued guidelines/rules relating to opening and closing of shops and business establishments in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether violators of the rules have been awarded any punishment during the past six months; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) No guidelines have recently been issued by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The present opening and closing hours (9.00 A.M. and 7.00 P.M.) were fixed vide notification No. F-9(1)/79/LC(S) dated 19-7-79.

During the period from January, 1993 to June, 1993, occupiers of 2820 shops/commercial establishments who had violated different provisions of Shops and Establishments Act were prosecuted and fined a sum of R. 2,05,887 by the Judicial Courts in Delhi.

**Working of Employees State Insurance Scheme**

1798. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme has been hit in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to delay on the part of State Governments to release funds, the working of ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries have been badly affected;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government have contemplated any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The working of the ESI Scheme in the country is generally satisfactory. The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme rests on the State Govts. However, the expenditure on the ESI medical care in each State is shared by the ESI Corporation and the State Govt. in the agreed ratio of 7:1. As per agreement, the expenditure is initially borne by the State Govts. and thereafter it is reimbursed to the States by the ESIC on a quarterly basis. There have been complaints from the States that because of their financial constraints, they are not in a position to provide medicines and other facilities to the beneficiares timely. The matter has been looked into and in order to overcome this difficulty, the ESI Corporation has started releasing advance payment to the States.

**Non-Receipt of PF Slips**

1799. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers of M/s. Induchand Raggarhia & Sons (F) Ltd. Jhumri Tilaiya, Bihar have complained to the PF Commissioner Ranchi that they have not received PF slips since 1977.

(b) whether it is also a fact that employees of Premier Glass Industries Ltd., Jhumri Tilaiya have not received PF Slips since 1985;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the workers are facing great difficulties in drawing Provident Fund money due to this fact; and

(d) if so, what immediate steps Government are taking in the matter to redress the difficulties of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Delay In Issuing Registration Certificates to Travel Agents**

1800. SHRI BRAHAMDEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Registration certificates to the Travel Agents are unnecessarily delayed;

(b) what is the normal time for issuance of such certificates when all papers are completed;

(c) what are the reasons that the renewal of certificates is withheld for months together; and

(d) the details of such certificates and renewals pending at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) The registration certificates for recruitment of Indians for Overseas employment under the Emigration Act, 1983 are issued to the applicants in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder. Generally, such certificates are issued within one and a half month for completion of procedural requirements. The issue of registration certificates can get delayed if the information furnished by the applicants is incomplete